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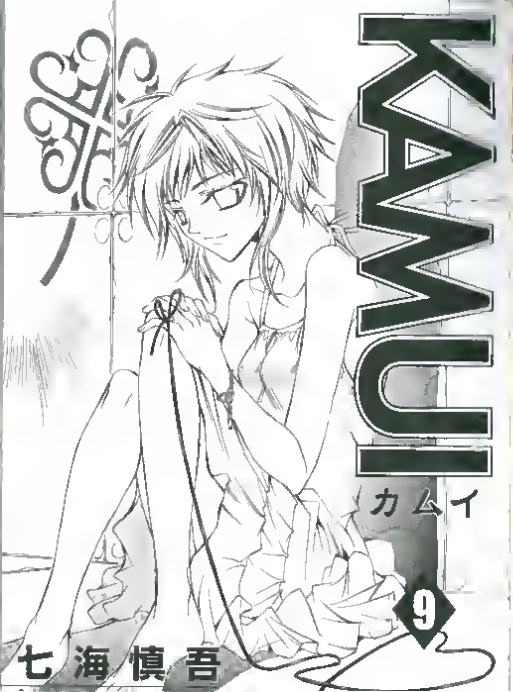

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CHARACTERS
キャラクター

SHIKI
The former 2nd general of NOA. Despite displaying an air of loyalty, he is unemotional. With NOA gone and no way to keep Sumire bound to him, he has promised his former lover in order to confront Utsuho.

AIKA
Former first lieutenant of NOA and Sumire's right-hand woman. She is completely devoted to Sumire and only wishes to be by her side.

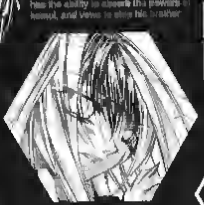
HYOE
Former Chisha and lieutenant general of NOA. Following his defeat at Atsuma/Kotamaru's hands, he has since lost his independent thought and has become Yanagi's bodyguard and lost.

YANAGI
Former first lieutenant of NOA. He is Ho'a's arrest and consulting. Despite being pushed away, Yanagi is devoted to the cunning and intelligent Utsuho, and only wants to please him.

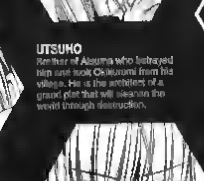
ANZU
One of the younger members of NOA. She joined after her family was killed in the Grand Shinri. She is scared of fighting and dreams of living a normal life. Her kindness helps Atsuma to trust in others, but she was since absorbed by Okkuromi along with the rest of NOA.

KOJOMARU
The kamui of an ancient sword from Atsuma's village. Despite his ability and age, he is both short-tempered and immature. It seems Kotamaru is part of a plan/creation of events necessary to revive Okkuromi.

SUMIRE
The former Tenshu, NOA's second-in-command. She yearns for Utsuho but has been rejected by him. Sumire pursues Utsuho in order to trap him and to gain his affection. She is infused with the power of the west.



ATSUMA
A young man who is sent by his village in the north to retrieve the sword and rid spirit Okkuromi. Betrayed by his brother Utsuho, he trusts no one and prefers to keep himself disarmed from others. He has the ability to absorb the powers of himself, and vows to slay his brother.



UTSUHO
Brother of Atsuma who betrayed him and took Okkuromi from his village. He is the architect of a grand plot that will weaken the world through destruction.

SHUI
Childhood friend of Aka and former second lieutenant at NOA. An adept cook that likes to take care of others, his voice holds a strange attraction for both Atsuma and Sumire. He has promised to follow Atsuma to help him stop Utsuho. He is infused with the power of fire.

CHARACTERS
キャラクター

TERMINOLOGY

カムイ

Grand Sinker – The second of two great earthquakes that have left Japan devastated. The southernmost islands of Kyushu and Shikoku are both completely submerged and a good percentage of the main island Honshu is left underwater.

Aianan – Monsters that suddenly appeared after the Grand Sinker.

NOA – Stands for Noble Offensive Academy. It is a society of young men and women who have been infused with kamui in order to fight the aianan. It is backed by a government research facility that has been performing paranormal experiments on humans.

KAMUI – A term used to refer to the spirits.

Pase KAMUI – A special KAMUI whose purpose is to protect Okikurumi from harm. The Pase KAMUI is more powerful than other KAMUI.

EDEN – A part of the former city of Tokyo that was protected from the earthquakes by the government research facility's barrier. It is now controlled by NOA.

Tohsu – A term used to refer to the powers used by members of NOA.

Pouren – A term referring to the spirit embodied by members of NOA. For example, Lady Sumire embodies the wind Pouren.

Okikurumi – An ancient spirit and the most sacred kamui that is stolen from Atsume a village. Its disappearance has a key role in the recent natural disasters and appearance of the aianan.

Chapter 38 *higher god*

GET DOWN!
What?
!!?
SPLASH
WHAT WAS THAT ABOUT!?
THERE'S SOMETHING WRONG

IT DOESN'T LOOK.
FROM LAST TIME I SAW HIM
HE LOOKS DIFFERENT.
I THOUGHT KOJO-MARU ...HAD A CONTRACT WITH LADY SUMERE.
BUT WHY IS HE HERE?
LIKE HE'S HERE TO HELP US OUT
GASP!

WHOOSH
THE TOHSU..
IS FORMING A DRAGON!?
WHAT!?
shimmer
BA-DUM
HE'S DIFFERENT
WHAT IS IT?
BA-DUM
SOME-THING'S WRONG
WHOOSH
I DON'T LIKE THIS FEELING

TSK
WHAT!?
HE'S FAST!
WHIP
BOOM
CRUMP
AGH.
GAAAH
ATSUMA!

...PASE KAMUI!
I AM...
THE GOD WHO MOVES THE WATERS OF THE HEAVENS AND SHAKES THE EARTH
I AM THE ONE WHO PROTECTS OKIKURUMI THE THUNDEROUS SWORD, AND ULTIMATE SHIELD
CHILDREN OF FOOLISH MANKIND, WHO THREATEN MY LORD
BE GONE!

...BESIDES OKIKURUMI IN THAT VILLAGE.
THERE WAS ANOTHER KAMUI.
WHAT IS THAT?
AND IT NEEDS TO BE PROTECTED BY MANY KAMUI IN SEVERAL LAYERS
BUT THAT IS A STRONG PRECIOUS POWER.
OKIKURUMI HOLDS THE POWER OF MIRACLES.
A VERSE FROM AN ANCIENT SONG THAT'S BEEN PASSED DOWN IN MY VILLAGE.
ATANAN ARE THE DISCIPLES THAT PUNISH THE SINS OF MANKIND
EACH AWAKENS ONE AFTER ANOTHER.
IT'S SIMILAR TO THE SHIELD OKIKURUMI HAS AROUND IT.
...A CERTAIN KAMUI IS FORCED TO AWAKEN.
OR IF THERE IS A THREAT TO OKIKURUMI'S LIFE.
BUT IF THAT DOESN'T WORK,

TOGETHER WITH FOUR FAMILIARS, IT BECOMES FOUR PARTS
WOLF IS THE GUARD DRAGON IS THE HILT..
HAVING FOUR LIMBS IT BECOMES A SINGLE GOD
FOX IS THE SHEATH AND SHE-DRAGON IS THE BLADE..
AND ALL IS SEALED.
THE ONE TRUE SWORD AT THE END OF THE WORLD. THE BLADE SUMMONS THE FINAL SHIELD IN A ROAR OF THUNDER
...WITH THE NAME "KOJOMARU"

ITS POWER IS FAR ABOVE HUMANS AND OTHER KAMUI.
...THE PASE KAMUI.
THAT KAMUI IS RESPECTFULLY CALLED...
THAT'S...
THE TRUE KOJOMARU!!
FORGOT!!
IT'S VERY LIKELY...
THAT KOJOMARU HIMSELF FORGOT THE TRUTH.
KOJOMARU IS A KAMUI THAT EXISTS ONLY TO PROTECT OKIKURUMI.
IF HIS MASTER IS NOT IN DANGER HE HAS NO REASON TO LEAVE THE CONFINES OF THE SWORD
HE WAS ASLEEP FOR SO LONG...
HE FORGOT HIS TRUE SELF
THAT'S WHY KOJOMARU MADE A CONTRACT WITH ATSUMA AND SUMIRE TO GET CLOSE TO OKIKURUMI.
HE THOUGHT HE HAD NO CHOICE.

SO I USED THEM.
THEY MAKE SUCH GOOD FODDER.

BUT WHY?
Hahah
THAT KIND OF CHILDISH BELIEF IS MUCH LIKE YOURS,
SHIKI.
WHY ARE YOU SO INTERESTED IN KOJOMARU?!

THERE IS ONE THING OKIKURUMI STILL NEEDS
I TOLD YOU.

FALL
THUD
DUPPLE
DUPPLE

HAD I DONE NOTHING, KOJOMARU WOULD HAVE EVENTUALLY AWAKENED ANYWAY.
BUT...
THAT'S WHY I NEEDED KOJOMARU TO AWAKEN.
THAT'S RIGHT
YOU'RE SAYING THAT... KOJOMARU HAS THAT THING?

GRAB
ATSU-
IS HE GOING TO USE HIS POWER
ATSUMA!
GRAB
ON KAZUMA'S!
RING
GRIP
NOT YET!

FLOAT
IS THAT IT?
RING
HOW BORING

UGH
I HAVE...
THY POWER IS USELESS AGAINST ME.
...NO CHOICE!
RELEASE ME!
EXP
WITH...
I WILL END EVERYTHING!
...MY OWN POWER!
!!?
GRIN
WHAT!?
MY POWER
"
THEIR POWERS ARE REPELLING EACH OTHER!?
IT'S BEING DEFLECTED!
AAAH
YOU FOOL!

CRASH
STEP
ATSUMA!
I SAID IT IS USELESS!
WHOOSH
DASH
GRAH
WHAM

WHAT DO YOU MEAN,
PROFESSOR UTSUHO?
WITH ONE BLOW I SHALL KILL ALL OF YOU.
RING

HURRY!
DO IT NOW!
AIKA!
HMPH
WHAT FOOLISHNESS

LEAD TO KOJOMARU'S AWAKENING.
THAT WOULD NATURALLY..
PLAN ALL THIS FROM THE START?
DID YOU..
I NEVER SAID ANYTHING OF THE SORT.
WHEN YOU SENT ME AND YANAGI AGAINST HIM...
I TOLD ATSUMA AND SUMIRE TO BE GONE.
THEY CAME BACK OF THEIR OWN FREE WILL.
SHIKI...
AM I WRONG?

ARE YOU SAYING..
THAT YOU INTENDED TO SACRIFICE HIM FROM THE VERY START?
I SIMPLY USED THEM
SACRIFICE? WHAT A HARSH WORD.
ATSUMA HAS THE POWER AND THE DRIVE TO MAKE IT HAPPEN
I KNEW IF HE AWAKENED TO HIS OWN POWER AND CAME BACK TO THE
IF OKIKURUMI WAS IN IMMINENT DANGER
AWAKENING WOULD BE HASTENED.

IF THIS CONTINUES, THE DAMAGE WILL SPREAD TO THE UPPER LEVELS.
WHAT SHOULD WE DO PROFESSOR HASUMI?
MOVE ALL FUNCTIONS TO THE CONTROL TOWER.
THEN CUT OFF ALL SYSTEMS IN THE LOWER LEVELS
THEN WHAT?
ISOLATE THE LOWER LEVELS COMPLETELY...
...AND BLOW THEM UP!
AS LONG AS KOJOMARU IS AWAKE, THEN REGARDLESS OF WHAT POWER ATSUMA HAS, THERE IS NO WAY FOR HIM TO WIN.
STEP
STEP
KOJOMARU'S POWERS ARE OPPOSED TO ATSUMA'S
THERE IS ONE THING..
I FORGOT TO MENTION.
STEP
PERHAPS YOU MAY HAVE MADE A DIFFERENT DECISION
IF I HAD TOLD YOU THAT..
THE EMERGENCY POWER LEVELS ARE OVERLOADED, AND THEY'RE AFFECTING THE OTHER SYSTEMS!
WHAT IS IT?
BAM!
PROFESSOR HASUMI! I'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR YOU.
THERE IS AN EMERGENCY ALARM FROM THE LOWER LEVEL.

UM NO
WE WILL TRANSFER THE SYSTEMS IMMEDIATELY
IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE?
THERE IS NO LONGER ANY ESCAPE...
SHIKI.
THEN NO ONE WILL BE ABLE TO GET OUT...
...OR IN.
SOON THIS TOWER WILL BE SURROUNDED BY OKIKURUMI'S SHIELD.

BUT WHAT ABOUT OKIKURUMI?
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?
WHAT?
Hah...
THAT'S A SILLY QUESTION
IF A LIMB IS SICKLY, IT SHOULD BE SEVERED
BLOW THEM UP!
A MERE EXPLOSION WON'T HURT OKIKURUMI AND KUJOMARU
I HAVE NO USE FOR THE NOA DOWN THERE.
IS THAT A PROBLEM?

Chapter 39 tears

IF YOU WANT TO TAKE SUMIRE AND ESCAPE THIS TOWER
I WILL LEAVE THIS ROOM.
IT'S YOUR LAST CHANCE TO GET YOUR WISH.
WHAT WILL YOU DO ..
YOUNG MASTER!

THAT'S A SILLY QUESTION
IF SUMIRE CAN'T DO IT,
THEN I HAVE TO DO IT INSTEAD
STAND!!
AFTER EVERYTHING YOU STILL BARE YOUR FANGS AT ME!
ONLY SUMIRE AND I ARE LEFT HERE.

WHAT WILL YOU DO...
YOUNG MASTER?
AS YOU SAID BEFORE.
GRRR
GRRR
GRRR
GRRR

MAYBE.
IF YOU WAIT,
YOUR WISH WILL COME TRUE.
THAT'S WHAT I HAVE BEEN WISHING FOR ALL THIS TIME.
BUT EVEN THAT PATH HAS BEEN CUT OFF BY THAT GUY
I KNOW I CAN'T MAKE YOUR SHADOW DISAPPEAR FROM HER HEART.
AND THAT ATSUMA'S SHADOW IS SLOWLY CREEPING IN.
SO...
IF SHE WOULD JUST STOP FIGHTING FOR SOMETHING SO STUPID.
SHE COULD BECOME A DOLL THAT LOOKS ONLY AT ME.

SUMIRE WANTS ONLY TO HAVE YOU
SHE THIRSTS FOR YOU.
YOU KNOW.
IF KOJOMARU'S SWORD HAD KILLED YOU,
IT WOULD HAVE BROKEN HER.
LIKE A CHILD WHO DOESN'T UNDERSTAND REASON
SHE STILL BEGGED YOU TO LOOK AT HER.
EVEN AFTER SHE THRUST THE SWORD THROUGH YOU.
IF SHE WANTS TO KILL YOU SO BE IT
IF SHE'S BEYOND REPAIR SO BE IT
BUT I DON'T AGREE
ATSUMA SAID HE WOULDN'T LET SUMIRE KILL YOU.

..IS ME.
THE ONE LEFT TO FIGHT..

YOU'VE COME SO FAR BUT YOU HAVEN'T PROGRESSED AT ALL
STEP
SIMPLE MINDED AS USUAL, SHIKI.

MAKE IT WORTH MY WHILE!

YOU AND I HAVE BEEN TOGETHER FOR A LONG TIME.
DON'T MAKE ME THINK IT WAS ALL A WASTE.
FINE.
BUT DON'T LET ME FINISH YOU OFF IN ONE MOVE.

AIKA!!
TO DO THAT..

PLEASE! TAKE ME
TAKE ME WITH YOU!
I CAN'T LEAVE HER ALONE
I CAN'T..
BUT..

PLEASE
KEEP HER
FUFF
WHAT!?
SHE'LL
I HAVE TO
PLEASE LET ME PROTECT YOU...
...FOR HER!
BOOM
SHING
ROAR

ANE ANZU IS SAFE FOR NOW
OUR ENEMY IS EXTREMELY STRONG
AND YOUR POWER DOESN'T WORK.
ATSUMA
SO IT'S UP TO YOU
DO WE KEEP GOING OR FULL BACK?
I'LL KEEP GOING NO MATTER WHAT!
NO.
I'M NOT AFRAID.
TO KILL OKIKU. RUMI

SHE...
PROBABLY DOESN'T THINK SHE'LL RETURN.
SUMIRE?
I GUESS...
NO ONE WANTS YOU TO DIE.
SHE-

YOU'RE GOING TO GIVE ME A HEART ATTACK.
Your spiritual battery
Besides
IF YOU CHARGE OUT LIKE THAT AGAIN...

THANKS FOR COMING.
AND FOR HELPING ATSUMA.
HM?
SEEMED LIKE THE RIGHT THING TO DO
WHY ARE YOU THANKING HER FOR ME?

WHY DON'T WE JUST
WELL LET'S SEE

PROTECT ANZU, AND BACK US UP!
CAN YOU..
BZZT!
BZZT!

I HAVE
A BAD FEELING ABOUT THIS.

HOROKE'U!
(WOLF)
Tsk
HE DIDN'T TAKE ANY DAMAGE!
ROAR
CHIRON! NUPU!
(SUMMER FOX)
IS THAT THE BEST YOU CAN DO?
GRIN
I DON'T KNOW IF THIS...
...GO ALL OUT!
...IS GONNA WORK!
CLICK
ROAR

BE GONE!
KA-BOOM!
RUMBLE
GROWL
WHAT IS
TWO OF THEM THIS TIME!
THEY'RE TOO FAST.
I CAN'T AIM

Whoosh
Splash
KOJO-MARU.
IS THIS REALLY
...WHAT YOU WISHED FOR?
CRAB

CHILDREN OF FOOLISH MANKIND!
I AM THE "WISH OF HEAVENS" THE ONE WHO KNOWS THE PROPER END
NO MATTER HOW MUCH THE WEAK STRUGGLE THEY CANNOT RESIST THE WISH OF HEAVENS
ROAR
RINK
DASH

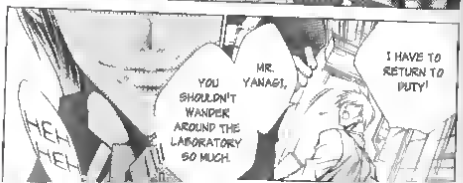
I'LL TAKE OKIKURUMI BACK FROM THAT MAN!
WHAT A FOOLISH QUESTION
I HATE THAT MAN TOO.
FINE! I'LL MAKE A CONTRACT WITH YOU
ONLY MY LORD MOVES ME!
MY LIFE WAS CREATED FOR OKIKURUMI
THERE IS NO WISHING.
..SUFFER!
WHAT!?
THEN.
WHY DO YOU..?

...YOUR TEARS, KOJOMARU!
UGH.
STEP
YOU SAID MY POWERS WON'T WORK ON YOU.
BUT AREN'T THESE...
...FLOWING INTO MY BODY...
SOMETHING ELSE IS...
IT ISN'T MY POWER.

THE LOCK
WHERE AM I?
IS THIS A HOLDING CELL?
OW!
PANG!
IT'S BEEN FRIED OPEN
!
WHAT HAPPENED?
MR YANAGI!?
THERE ARE NO GUARDS OR LAB ASSISTANTS

LORD HYDE?
!

IF YOU KNOW THE FUTURE
THERE'S NO NEED TO BE SO COWARDLY
LORD SHIKI BROUGHT SUMIRE SENOU TO PROFESSOR HASUMI.
I DON'T KNOW WHY BUT HE ISN'T ACTING NORMALLY
THANK YOU
I SEE.


MR. YANAGI,
I HAVE TO RETURN TO DUTY!
YOU SHOULDN'T WANDER AROUND THE LABORATORY SO MUCH.

SEVERAL INTRUDERS HAVE ENTERED THE LOWER LEVELS
WHERE ARE THE GUARDS?
WHAT'S GOING ON HERE!
WHY ARE YOU HERE!

HERE'S THE DATA.
INTRUDERS!

ATSUMA HA
AGE/16 SEX/MALE
BLOODTYPE/UNKNOWN
ABILITY/UNKNOWN
CAPACITY/RANK-SSS
Mental power is impressive.
EXPERIENCE/NO DATA
SHUI TACHIBANA
AGE/18 SEX/MALE
BLOODTYPE/O

THAT'S NOT ALL.
ATSUMA-KUN AND SHUI-
JUST AS I THOUGHT!

WE SHOULD GET BACK IMMEDIATELY
WE DON'T HAVE TIME TO WASTE.
STAY WITH ME UNTIL THE END.
PROTECT ONLY ME
MY PLACE IS..
GOING UP AGAINST HIM.
THAT'S JUST PERFECT, KING SHIKI!
YOU REALLY ARE DESPERATE.
WHAT ARE YOU...
AFRAID OF?
YOU GUYS ARE THE ONES WHO ARE AFRAID.
HA!
HA
HA
HA
HA
HA

Chapter
40 sway

STEP
STEP
SCRATCH

ONLY BY HIS SIDE.
CIRCLE

STEP
STEP
TURN

WHEEZE
YANAGI!
STEP
STEP
STEP
CACCLE
PEOPLE...
...REALLY ARE PATHETIC.
...GO.
SLIDE
DON'T...
...GO.
SLIDE
SLIDE
SLIDE

I BELIEVE ONLY IN MYSELF AND HIM.
THAT FEELING WAS NOT WRONG.
I WILL MAKE SURE.
YES.
WHAT IS THAT?
THAT I ATTAIN WHAT HE ATTAINS.
WHAT IS THIS FEELING?
BA-DUM

THAT'S BECAUSE...
...YOU AIN'T TRUST TOHSHO COMPLETELY.
HOW DARE HE SAY SUCH FOOLISH THINGS.
THEY STRUGGLE SO HARD, BUT NEVER GET THEIR WISH.
THAT WILL NEVER CHANGE.
I GOT HERE ON MY OWN.
I AM DIFFERENT FROM ALL OF YOU.
THAT CHANCE MEETING WAS THE REASON I WAS BORN.
WHEN THE SAME TYPE OF PEOPLE MEET,
THERE IS SOMETHING THAT CONNECTS US.
EVEN IF I DON'T HAVE TOHSHO, I KNOW.
NO, I WILL NOT LET IT CHANGE.

AREN'T YOU
KOJOMARU
AREN'T YOU SUFFERING?
...IN THAT FORM?
...UM?
SNIP

IS CALLING ME
STED
SOME-THING IN THERE...
SNIP
THIS FEELING THAT'S FLOWING FROM YOU INTO ME
IT'S FILLING MY HEART.

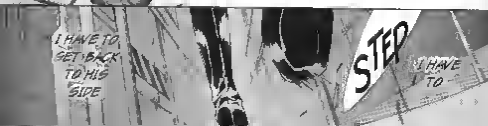
NO ONE CONTROLS ME!
KABOOM
HOW DARE A MERE HUMAN INSULT ME!?
I DO NOT QUESTION MYSELF
SHUT UP! SHUT UP!
SHUT UP!
NO MATTER WHAT!
NO ONE BUT MY LORD CONTROLS ME!

YOU'RE IN MY WAY!
KABOOM
huff
WHO ARE YOU?
WHAT ARE YOU?
BA-DUM
huff
huff
BA-DUM
WHY DO YOU INVADE MY HEART?
WHY?
WHY ME?
BA-DUM
AY!
CRACK

WHO OPENED THEM?
STEP
WHY ARE THE DOORS OPEN NOW?

WHY?

WHY DID I COME HERE?


I HAVE TO GET BACK TO HIS SIDE
STEP
I HAVE TO

BUT IT WAS SEALED OFF LATER
STEP
AND THERE SHOULD BE NO KEY

...WAS HERE BEFORE THE NOA EXPERIMENT BEGAN.
STEP
THIS PLACE...
BEFORE I WAS BORN, THIS PLACE WAS USED AS THE RESEARCH FACILITY.
STEP

WHOOSH
KOJOMARU'S SWORD'S SHEATH!?
WHY?
ARE YOU ALRIGHT?
UGH!
WHERE'S ATSUMA?
CLAK
CLAK
WHAT'S THAT!?
!?

ATSUMA!
...WON'T LET YOU!!
RING
THUD
ATSUMA.
RING
KOJO-MARU!?
WHY IS A PART OF ME GETTING IN MY WAY!?
ZAP!
ZAP!
ZAP!
TSK.
HOW ANNOYING
I'LL SHATTER THAT SIDE OF ME, ALONG WITH YOU!
WHOOSH
...MA
RING

ARE YOU KOJOMARU?
I KNEW IT! WHAT'S GOING ON?
WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU?
WHY DID YOU
ATSUMA.

huff
HEY

I FINALLY GOT MY SELF BACK.
NO.
I'M GOING TO LOSE IT AGAIN.
WHA-
WHAT'S THAT?
KOJO-MARU!?
I'M GOING TO...
LOSE IT AGAIN

I DON'T KNOW!
WHY DID YOU SAY YOU'RE A PASE KAMUI?
BUT IT'S TOO LATE
I CAN'T DO ANYTHING
I CAN'T STOP MYSELF!
I DIDN'T KNOW EITHER! I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT I WAS!
IT'S GOING TO RAIN SOON
SHUDDER
KOJOMARU?
AND OKIKURUMI WILL AWAKEN.
IT WILL FLOOD THE CITY.

TOUMA
ME
HELP ME!
ATSUMA!
GRAB

STEP
WHAT'S THIS?
SOME SORT OF ORGANIC GROWTH EQUIPMENT
GLOP
CREAK

GLO!
THAT'S MY FACE
WHAT IS THIS?
GLO!
WHAT?
THU
...HASUMI.
WHAT...
PROFESSOR...
SAME NAME AS ME.
GLO!
NO-NUMBER
CODE/000
Examination ob
GLO!
WHAT!?
THUD

AH!
AH!
PROFESSOR HASUMI!
IT'S NO GOOD.
AH!
GLO?
WHAT IN THE WORLD IS THIS!?

WHAT HAPPENED!?
WHAT IS GOING ON!?
!?
PRO-FESSOR HASUMI!?
Hm.
THERE'S NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT.

BEEP
QUICK
BUT...
WHAT IS PROFESSOR HASUMI DOING WITHOUT ANY GUARDS!?
IT'S LOCKED FROM THE INSIDE.

THE DOOR UNLOCKED.
SWISH

OH
PROFESSOR HASUMI!
WE WERE WORRIED ABOUT
SWISH

YES SIR!
YOU CAN CLEAN UP INSIDE
I'LL HEAD OVER ONCE I CHANGE
HeHeH
HE PUT UP A GOOD FIGHT.
IT'S TOO BAD.
HEY!
THAT'S...

IT'S NOT MY BLOOD.
SIR!
TELL THEM TO HURRY.
THE ROUTES ARE BEING REROUTED AS WE SPEAK.
ANYWAY,
BUT...
WHAT IS GOING ON WITH THE LOWER LEVELS?
HUM!
NEVER MIND.
STEP
THERE'S NO ONE LEFT TO WASTE MY TIME.

HUUMM
LORD SHIKI!

...BUT YOUR WORDS.
STEP
CRACK
I WON'T BELIEVE ANYTHING...

I HAVE TO GO NOW.
Code-000
Report Data Number EN-0013/P. 025/001
YANAGI.
I WON'T BELIEVE ANY OF THIS.
STEP
PROFESSOR HASUMI.
...A SMART BOY.
YOU ARE SUCH...

Chapter 41 *shared vision*

SUMIRE SENOU!?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE!?
DON'T TOUCH HIM
GET OUT.
GET OUT OF HERE.
YOU'RE AN INTRUDER!
WHAT HAPPENED HERE!?
DID YOU DO THIS TO LORD SHIKI!?
UGH
UGH.
SLASH
PLEASE,
LEAVE.

WHO ARE...
DRIP
...THOSE TEARS FOR?
DRIP
DRIP
DRIP
DRIP

"PLEASE SHIKI."
"PLEASE GIVE HIM TO ME."
WHAT ABOUT YOU?
WHEN WILL YOU LEARN?

FOR YOU
IS IT BECAUSE YOU PITY ME?
NO
BECAUSE YOU'RE SO STUPID

WHY DID YOU DO THIS?
THERE HAS NEVER BEEN ANY HOPE FOR US

YOU KNOW...
...WHAT KIND OF WOMAN I AM
NO MATTER HOW HURT YOU ARE...
OR WHETHER OR NOT YOU CAN GET UP...
I'LL STILL ASK YOU FOR FAVORS

WHAT DO YOU MEAN, KOJO-MARU?
I'M A FAKE KAMUI WHO PROTECTS OKIKURUMI.
I CAN'T GO BACK TO HOW THINGS WERE
HELP YOU?
WHY?
!?
OR KILL UTSUHO AND TAKE BACK OKIKURUMI
I DON'T HAVE THE MEANS TO SAVE THE WORLD
I CAN'T KILL HIM, LET ALONE HURT HIM!
I CAN'T.
BECAUSE UTSUHO'S CHEST HAD..
..DIRTY MY HANDS WITH EVIL DEEDS
I WILL ALWAYS
IF YOU SAY YOU NEED ME,
OTHERWISE..
WHY WOULD I CHOOSE TO LIVE MY LIFE LIKE THIS?

I DON'T LIKE BATTLES...
LIKE THIS.
I DON'T
...WANT THIS, ATSUMA
I'LL FORGET ABOUT YOU, ATSUMA.
AND I'LL PROBABLY SLICE YOU UP
...INTO RIBBONS.
SLICE!!

DON'T HURT...
CHE-TU
...OKI-KURUMI ANYMORE.
PROMISE ME, ATSUMA
I KNOW!
BUT...
THAT'S THE ONLY WAY
...THIS CONSCIENCE WILL NEVER COME BACK
IF I GO BACK INTO THE AWAKENED STATE
BUT I'M A SWORD THAT PROTECTS OKIKURUMI

BADUM

I DON'T WANT TO DO THIS

I DON'T WANT TO
THROW
KOJOMARU

ALMOST
I'LL HAVE EVERYTHING SET SOON
ROAR
I DON'T WANT THIS ANYMORE!
NOW
TAUT
EVERYTHING I WANT
GRAB

NO MORE.
GRIN
UGH!
DRIP
DRIP
DRIP

JUST LIKE BEFORE.
I'M THE ONLY ONE WHO'S USEFUL TO YOU.
SO PLEASE USE ME AGAIN, PROFESSOR HASUMI.
OTHERWISE...
...I'LL...
INHALE

I HEARD...
...YOU FOUGHT WITH LORD SHIKI.
YANAGI.
AND THAT ATSUMA IS HERE
STEP
STEP
PLEASE GIVE ME MY ORDERS, PROFESSOR HASUMI.
Hehe!
WHAT WOULD I TRUST YOU WITH, NOW THAT YOU'VE BEEN DISMISSED?
I CAN STILL BE OF USE TO YOU.
SMILE
I CAN'T HEAR YOUR ORDERS IN PRISON.

AND...
THE TECHNOLOGY WAS USED FOR REPRODUCING HUMANS
CREATED WITH THE MOST ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY AVAILABLE. IT WAS NAMED "AYA" AND WAS USED FOR ALL SORTS OF DIFFERENT EXPERIMENTS.
ONCE THE SCIENTISTS STARTED PRODUCING GOOD RESULTS, THEY BEGAN THE REAL PROJECT WITH CODE #1: SUMIRE SENJU.
THUS,
THE PROTOTYPE SUBJECT BECAME OBSOLETE. AND WAS DISPOSED OF, ALONG WITH THE OLD FACILITIES.
...I AM ONE OF THEM.
CLONES.

YOU SMELL LIKE ORGANIC GROWTH LIQUID.
WHAT DID IT SAY?
.....
CODE 000.
BEFORE THE A PROJECT BEGAN, THERE WAS A MOCK-UP EXPERIMENT DONE AS A TEST.
BUT THE UPPER MANAGEMENT REFUSED TO SUPPORT SUCH AN EXPERIMENT.
SO THE RESEARCH MEMBERS HAD TO PROCURE THEIR OWN TEST SUBJECT.
DID YOU SEE THEM?

YOU DIDN'T BECOME NOA.
!?
JUST A BUG HOVERING AROUND ME

THE CLONES AND NOA. BUT YOU WERE DIFFERENT
EVERYONE ELSE WAS USEFUL TO ME.
UGH!
PROFES-SOR.

...A USELESS GOPHER?
DO YOU THINK I REALLY NEEDED

SO I'M DIFFERENT FROM THOSE OTHER THINGS!
THAT'S TRUE.
THERE WAS ONE UNIT AMONG THE CLONES THAT HAD AN EXTRA-ORDINARILY HIGH IQ.
AND IT WAS RAISED AS A LABORATORY SCIENTIST AND DIDN'T BECOME AN EXPERIMENT SUBJECT
IF YOU UNDERSTAND THAT, WHY DID YOU COME BACK?
VERY GOOD.

...TO ME.
YOU ARE SOMETHING DIFFERENT

YOU WEREN'T AN EXPERIMENT SUBJECT
PROFESSOR HASUMI?

IT'S A LIE!
WHICH ONE OF US FOLLOWS HIM BLINDLY?
FINE.
IF YOU DON'T BELIEVE ME, I'LL SHOW YOU THE ORIGINAL.
PLEASE, STOP
Hehehe
MY, WHAT A STUBBORN CHILD
PROFESSOR HASUMI
THAT IS THE NAME OF..
THE HOMELESS WOMAN WHO WAS PREGNANT WITH YOU
PLEASE, STOP
YANAGI KURYU ISN'T REALLY YOUR NAME
COME, LOOK UP
THIS IS
I WON'T BELIEVE IT
IT IS CURRENTLY IN THIS STATE BECAUSE OF THE GROWTH INHIBITORS
...TO SHIKI WHEN HE RETURNED TO THE LAB
I GAVE THEM.
AND ATSUMA DEFEATED THEM.
LOOK, YANAGI.
THEY PITIED YOU.
VERY MUCH.
WHO IS A PAWN?
THIS IS WHAT YOU SAW IN THAT ROOM.
!?
HAKU-HEI WHO WERE SOMEWHAT USEFUL BECAUSE THEY ATTAINED TOHSU FROM THE

THE STAFF IN THE CONTROL ROOM IS CALLING FOR YOU, PROFESSOR HASUMI.
EXCUSE ME SIR.
HUP
ALL I NEEDED WERE CLONES TO GIVE ME DATA
AND NOA TO FEED OKIKURUMI
I'LL BE THERE SOON
huff
huff
AS FOR YOU, YANAGI.
IF YOU WANT TO BE USEFUL, COULD YOU GO GET RID OF THE INTRUDERS IN THE LOWER LEVELS?
I USED YOU AS A LIAISON UNTIL NOW, BUT I DON'T NEED THAT ANYMORE EITHER.
Hehah
BUT I THOUGHT THE LOWER LEVELS ARE GOING TO BE BLOWN UP.
THAT'S WHY I'M SENDING HIM.
YOU'RE JUST A NAMELESS, PRETTY, CLEVER PIECE OF TRASH.

...YOUR TRUE SELF.
I WON'T BELIEVE IT!
LIKE YOU, YANAGI
I NEVER NEEDED A PAWN.
UGH.

I'M SURE IT WILL BE YOU, YANAMI.
...IF EVER THERE IS ANYONE WHO CARES TO UNDERSTAND ME...
I WANT TO BE JUST LIKE YOU
THAT MOMENT THAT WE HAD
WILL I BECOME LIKE YOU IF I STAY HERE?
YOUR WORDS...
CAN I TRUST YOU?
...WERE MORE THAN TRUTH TO ME!
THERE IS NO ONE WHO WILL EVER BE LIKE ME
BUT
WHOA!
CLICK
OTHERWISE, I DON'T THINK HE'LL EVER GET OUT OF MY FACE
I UNDERSTAND YOU BETTER THAN ANYONE!
EVEN NOW...
...YOU TOLD ME THAT!?
ISN'T THAT WHY...
I STILL WANT TO BELIEVE
...SUMI
PROFESSOR HASUMI

IN ALL MY LIFE, YOU ARE THE MOST DISGUSTING...
...AND USELESS CREATURE...
...I HAVE EVER ENCOUNTERED.
PLEASE TELL ME!
PLEASE TELL ME THAT YOU STILL NEED ME!
YOU'RE LOSING YOURSELF
YOU POOR THING
YANAGI
THEN YOU CAN BE FREE
I'LL TELL YOU THE TRUTH.

IT'S FINE. I DON'T NEED IT ANYMORE
WAS THAT THE RIGHT THING TO DO?
HE'S... NO
AND HIS WISH HAS COME TRUE.
THE SAME THING
AM I... PERFECT?
HA.
AAAAAH

OH, I SEE.
HERE IT IS
...IS A WORLD OF NOTHING-NESS.
THE THING I'VE ALWAYS WANTED
...NEED ANYTHING ELSE ANYMORE.
Ha ha
AH
THEN, I DON'T...
THE THING I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO SEE.
EVERYTHING WAS AN ILLUSION!
AHA HA...
HA HA HA HA HA!
WHERE AM I?
NO
I NEVER EXISTED
BECAUSE THIS PLACE...
WHERE AM I?
WHERE IS THIS PLACE?

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I FINALLY...
...SEE THE SAME THING YOU SEE.
HOBANG
NOTHING
THANK YOU, PROFESSOR HASUMI

YANAGI..
HEY
YANAGI
WHAT ARE YOU
LOOKING AT?
HUFF..
HUFF..

YANAGI.
YANAGI.
WOBBLE
YANAGI.
HUFF...
SMOKE
HUFF...
HUFF...

LET ME GO.
I HAVE NOTHING LEFT
I DON'T NEED ANYTHING
YANAGI
LET GO OF ME
LET ME GO!
CLICK
I HAVE TO HURRY!
AND GO TO THE WORLD OF NOTHINGNESS!
DID YOU
COME TO LAUGH AT ME TOO?
I DIDN'T KNOW MY UGLINESS OR USELESSNESS
I WAS FASCINATED BY HIM, I WANTED TO BE CLOSER TO HIM
I COMPLETELY MISTOOK MY REASON FOR LIVING

NO!
SHOOT!
BANG
CRAS
CLICK

IF YANAGI IS GONE, MAKE ME DISAPPEAR TOO
Wheeze
I'M...
YOUR PROPERTY.

NO.
I

NO.
SHOOT ME.
I DON'T WANT YOU!
THEN IF YOU DON'T NEED ME, JUST SHOOT ME.
NO.
SHOOT ME.
I WON'T LET GO UNTIL YOU SHOOT.

WHY DO YOU NEED ME?
NO MATTER WHAT ANYONE SAYS
YOU HAVE ME
AND I HAVE YOU.
MY MIND IS FUZZY
AND I DON'T KNOW WHO I AM.
ALL I NEED IS YOU
...THAT PROUD PROFILE I SEE IN MY MIND
BUT YOU'RE...
I ALWAYS WISHED...
...YOU'D LOOK MY WAY.

...HAVE "NOTHING"
Whaaaa
YOU DON'T...
YOU HAVE ME
YOU'RE SCARED OF LOSING ME, AREN'T YOU?
THAT'S WHY YOU CRY.

LORD HYDE!
I WONDER WHY
THAT WORLD OF YOURS THAT I FINALLY FOUND
I REALLY THOUGHT
....I LET GO OF THAT WORLD?
I'LL BE HERE.

I'LL ALWAYS PROTECT YOU.
SO DON'T GO ALONE, YANAGI.
I WON'T LEAVE YOU ALONE.
I'LL ALWAYS LOOK AT YOU
YOU HAVE ME.

I GUESS I'M NOT LIKE YOU...
AFTER ALL
MRR
YOU FINALLY...
I DIDN'T NEED ANYTHING ELSE
...LOOKED MY WAY,
YANAGI.
PROFESSOR HASUMI.

KABOOM
THIS IS ULTIMATE POWER BEFORE YOU!
...YOU.
RUAA
GRAH!

WHERE'S THAT ENERGY YOU HAD, CHILD OF MANKIND?
GAH!
THUD
NO MATTER HOW HARD HUMANS TRY, IT IS THE SAME!
YOU WILL PAY FOR YOUR FOOLISHNESS..
YOU CANNOT CHANGE THINGS BY SIMPLY WISHING FOR THEM!
WITH YOUR FLESH!

CAN YOU STILL SPEAK!?
KABOOM
WHOOP
...
!?
ROAR
TSK!
WHAT'S THIS WAVE!
WHAT!?

I'LL HELP
YOU TOO
Wheeze
KOJOMARU!

TELL ME WHAT YOU WANT ME TO DO!
SO...
WHAT...
...CAN I DO!?
ATSUMA.
"Auto Destruct Sequence" initiated. Detonation in 15 minutes.
BEEP
Level III through III7 Area A to D- all routes and systems have been disconnected.
Emergency alert to all wings from the control center.
WHAT!?
KOJOMARU
Wheeze
AUTO DESTRUCT!?
BUT...
...IF THERE IS ANOTHER WAY, I'LL DO WHAT I CAN DO
WITHOUT KILLING ORIKURUMI.
I DON'T KNOW HOW TO STOP THIS...

KOJOMARU.
RETURN,
KOJOMARU!
BA-
UM

...ACK
THIS WAVE
UGH
RING
RING

KOJOMARU
RIN
KABOOM
BA-
DUM
...RU
RING

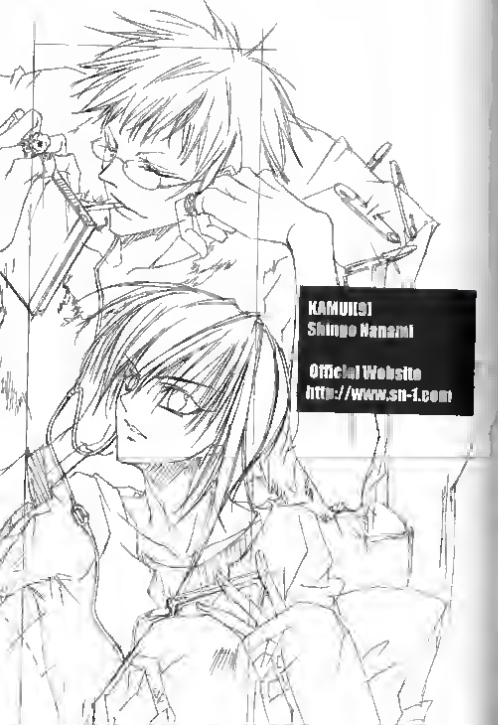
BE GONE.

ROAR
...DO NOT NEED ANYONE'S HELP.
I...

!?
WE'LL RETREAT FOR NOW.
NO WORRIES
HE JUST LOST CONSCIOUSNESS
.....
YOU MIGHT BE MAD AT ME FOR THAT DECISION,
BUT I THINK IT WOULD BE BEST AFTER SEEING HIM EARLIER.
AIKA, CAN YOU RUN ON YOUR OWN?
NOD
SO I CAN'T LET HIM BREAK YET.
HE HASN'T GIVEN UP.
WOOSH
KOJO
ATSUMA!?
OW.
OUCH.
OW.
SPLASH
!

ATSUMA, ARE YOU ALRIGHT?
WHAT?
UH.
KOJOMARU!
CAN YOU RUN?
KOJOMARU HIT YOU.
WE DON'T HAVE A LOT OF TIME LEFT.
ONLY THE LOWER LEVELS ARE GOING TO BE BLOWN UP
PHS..
THE KING WON'T LET LADY SUMIRE GET HURT.
AND I STILL FEEL HER WAVE EVEN THOUGH IT'S WEAK.
WHAT ABOUT LADY SUMIRE?
I KNOW
YOU DON'T WANT TO RELY ON THE KING TOO MUCH.
BZZT
!
NO
ATSUMA?
UGH.
THEN YOU SHOULD TRUST HER FOR NOW
BUT YOU CAME HERE WANTING TO DO ALL YOU CAN RIGHT?

I HAVE.
ATSUMA?
THIS IS ALL...
...A FAVOR TO ASK YOU.
CAN YOU GET HER OUT OF HERE?
!
WHAT ABOUT YOU?
...I CAN DO.
I CAN'T LET THIS HAPPEN!
RUAK
Touch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HEY!
ATSUMA!

KAMUI #9 end

TRANSLATION NOTES

Pg. 19
Yuno KAMUI – More than just a normal kamui (spirit), in Ainu tradition, the "yuno kamui" is considered the "God of Death," and the "Protector of Heaven."

Pg. 20
Guard, hilt, sheath, blade – All are components of a sword. The guard is the part of the sword that protects the user's hand from being attacked, the hilt is the part of the sword that one holds, and the sheath is the cover and case that is used to hold and protect the sword.

Pg. 58
Heroke'u, Chiren'nupu – "Heroke'u" means wolf and "Chiren'nu..." means summer fox. In Ainumosiri can form Tonou into the different animal parts of the sword that makes up his body.

Pg. 184
Shushigura – Also known as "Forty-Seven Ronin." It is a story about a group of samurai who avenge their dead master by killing a court official named Kira Yoshinaka (Sumire). According to the story, a man named Asano Naganori (Shibi) was insulted by Kira and thought he was beyond the humiliation with his own stoicism eventually he was pushed too far. He attacked Kira with a dagger and for his crime and shame, committed ritual suicide. Later the loyal samurai (Asano—led by Oishi Kuranosuke (Atsuma)—come to avenge his honor by killing Kira, who had survived the knife attack. Yato Emoshichi (Kojomaru) was the youngest of the forty-seven ronin to aid Kira Yoshinaka.

Sorry to write at the end of the book

This is KAMUI vol 9

Even Anzu showed up on the cover. She isn't a big part of the story, so I wasn't sure if I should put her on the cover. But I guess it turned out okay in the end.

This manga seems like it's going to end soon, but it's not done yet. But I hope you will read their journey to the end now that you've come this far. I'm working hard even if I am coughing blood.

Also, I said I'd include KAMUI Academy in the last volume, but I couldn't. I do have to put it in some place, so please be patient.

There were other characters, but the ones who stuck behind as KAMUI are these four. So even though I try to give the same amount of love for each of the characters, I do have the most feelings for these characters. The idea of a "sexy selfish girl who makes people do things her way" was determined early on.

Asano Naganori

Yato Emoshichi

SCHOOL BATTLE TYPE CHUSHIN GURA! Yikes! The character spin would have been...

Oishi Kuranosuke

Kira Yoshinaka

KAMUI is a near-future/future fantasy until NOA and the Academy as the scenery, but it made two and three turns until it got to this point. The very first manga I had was...

STORY SET-UP PART 1

Now that the story is nearing the end, I'd like to look over the set-up of the manga.

SEE YOU IN VOLUME 10

I still worry about the manga, but I hope that it will move your heart somehow.

Please tell me your opinions!

Until we meet again.

The NOA uniform was partly see-through. And the laboratory is inside a mysterious forest. How scary!

Since I was born in the north, I added the Ainu motif into the story. And I added NOA into something that was a simple school setting, and many more things were changed afterwards. When I read the plot before I started the series, it's pretty funny.

NOA had 6 leaders.

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HERE TOO, HUH?
WE'VE FINALLY MADE IT TO THE TOWER.
WHAT'S GOING ON?
PLUS.
BUT ALL THE SOLDIERS AND SCIENTISTS ARE DEAD
YEAH.
...THE WAVE THAT REMAINS IN HERE BELONGS TO...

KAMUI

VOLUME 10 PREVIEW カムイ

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Atsuma continues his struggle into the depths of NOA—but if his friends have anything to say about it, he isn't going alone! When Utsuho sets off a deadly trap, reaching him will prove to be more difficult than any of them could have anticipated. Meanwhile, Sumire and Shiki have discovered the secret of Utsuho's deadly contract—but will they be able to warn Atsuma before the final battle can begin?

BUT NOW YOU'RE WALKING LIKE YOU KNOW WHERE TO GO
I don't even know that myself.
HE'S CALLING FOR ME
I CAN SENSE IT
YOU COULDN'T SENSE HIS EXACT LOCATION OUTSIDE THE BUILDING
HEY, ATSUMA
YEAH
THIS IS
THE SECOND TIME WE'VE SNUCK INTO THE CENTRAL AREA. HUH?
WHEN EVERYTHING IS OVER...

IT'S KOJOMARU'S!
...THIS FEELING WELL
I CAN SENSE THE BIT OF ANGER AND SADNESS SUPPRESSED WITHIN.
I KNOW
BUT THIS ISN'T KOJOMARU'S TRUE WILL
...BUT I'M CONCERNED ABOUT WHAT KOJOMARU SAID HE SAID HE "CAN'T KILL" UTSUHO
I DON'T KNOW THE EXACT REASON WHY
SNUFFIE
ATSUMA.
...ANYWAY, LET'S KEEP GOING FOR NOW.

HM
YOU TWO...
ROAR
WHAT WAS THAT?
WHOOSH
SINCE SHIKI SUSTAINED HEAVY WOUNDS
...I GUESS IT WAS TO BE EXPECTED THAT YOU WOULD ARRIVE BEFORE HIM
WHOOSH

...WHAT DO YOU PLAN ON...
HE'S HERE.
HUH?
ATSUMA?
!?
BOOM
GRAB

UTSUHO!
WHOOSH
YOU'VE FINALLY COME, ATSUMA
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
I'M TELLING YOU THAT THE GAME IS COMING TO ITS RESOLUTION.
TAKE A LOOK.
SINCE THE "END" IS SUCH A SPECIAL OCCASION, I WAS HOPING TO PLAY WITH YOU WITHOUT ANYONE BOTHERING US
BUT THE GROWTH IS PROCEEDING FASTER THAN I ANTICIPATED!
BUT YOU'RE TOO LATE.
Kojo-maru!

!
B.A-DUM
B.A-DUM
WHAT'S THIS!?

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SHINGO NANAMI